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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S CINCINNATI SPEECH

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1. AFTER TWO DAYS OF TRYING TO OBTAIN A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO PRESENT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CINCINNATI SPEECH, I FINALLY SUCCEEDED AND WAS ACCORDED A MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, ON SEPT 21 AT 10:00 PM. THIS MEETING WAS FINALLY GRANTED AT THIS UNORTHODOX HOUR BECAUSE IT FITTED IN WITH THE MINISTER'S PERSONAL RAMADAN SCHEDULE OF ONLY WORKING VERY LATE EVENING HOURS, IF AND WHEN REQUIRED.

2. ONCE FORMALITIES WERE DISPENSED WITH, I MADE A PRESENTATION OF THE SECRETARY'S CINCINNATI SPEECH AS REQUESTED REFTEL AND WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THEMATIC KEY SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 1. I REQUESTED THAT THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH BE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THAT THE MINISTER BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMIR AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

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3. SHAYKH SUHAYM LISTENED TO ENTIRE PRESENTATION AND AT END COMMENTED THAT GOQ WELCOMED AGREEMENT AND THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY IN WORKING TOWARDS A TRUE AND OVERALL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SUHAYM STATED THAT SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT HAS SAID THAT THE NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT DOES NOT END THE STATE OF WAR WITH ISRAEL, THE USG SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT AND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AS IT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO DO SO.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THOSE ARAB STATES WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT, SUHAYM SAID THAT GOQ MUST FIRST OF ALL SUPPORT THE FRONT LINE ARAB STATES OF THE CONFLICT. SUHAYM WAS THEN ASKED WHAT THIS MEANT TO GOQ IN TERMS OF EGYPT'S AGREEMENT AND SYRIA'S DISAGREEMENT ON THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. SUHAYM ANSWERED BY SAYING THAT GOQ HOPES THAT DISAGREEMENT AMONGST THESE TWO FRONT LINE STATES WOULD ONLY BE TEMPORARY AND FINALLY RESOLVED IN AN AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY TO BOTH. SUHAYM ENDED BY THANKING USG FOR PROVIDING HIM WITH THIS INFORMATIVE BACKGROUND MATERIAL WHICH HE SAID THAT HE WOULD STUDY AND BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMIR.

5. COMMENT: THIS MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFIRMED WHAT WE SUSPECTED AND REPORTED IN REFTEL B WHICH IS THAT GOQ ACCEPTS AND SUPPORTS NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT, BUT IS CAUTIOUSLY WAITING FOR OUR NEXT STEPS.

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